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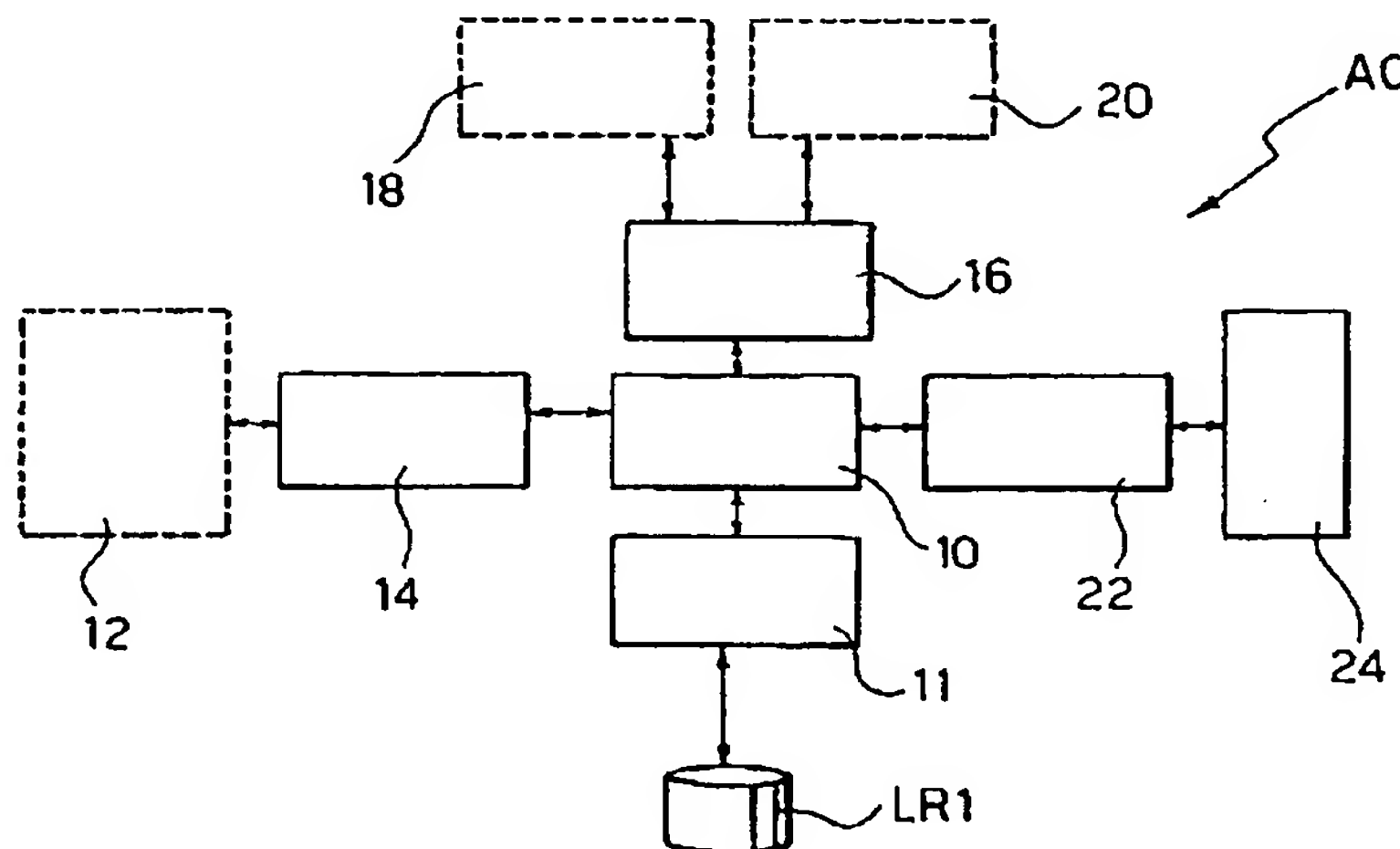
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(57) Abstract: Communication between an administrator device (AC) and an administered device (AS, AE) in a network is arranged in the form of a chain of digitally signed communication items including messages sent from an originator device (AC resp. AS, AE) to a recipient device (AS, AE resp. AC). Each message has an associated respective digitally signed receipt, and the originator device (AC resp. AS, AE) is configured not to send a new item towards the recipient device (AS, AE resp. AC) in the absence of a respective digitally signed receipt for a previously sent item. With at least one, and preferably by both of the administrator device (AC) and the administered device (AS, AE) there is stored a history record of communication items exchanged therebetween. The history record is agreed upon and signed by both the administrator device (AC) and the administered device (AS, AE).

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